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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This is an Amendment and Response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of October 28, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire January 28, 2009, and an extended period set to expire March 28, 2009. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a two-month extension of time for responding to the Action, along with the appropriate extension fee.

Applicants request entry of this Amendment and Response because Applicants do not believe that the finality of this Office Action is proper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.